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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled "olfactory dysfunction in dementia" by Alves et al 2014 provides an insight into the association of loss of olfactory abilities and neurodegenerative disorders. This is an interesting an emerging field and the authors provide an enlightening insight into the potential for use in a clinical setting. I have a few suggestions for the authors to address prior to publication. Firstly, the authors provide a table of "easy to use olfaction tests" – can they comment on standardisation? Are there any specific health guidelines for types of tests to be used – can they comment on what is or they think should be recommended? Secondly, and related to the first point, the authors do not mention the need for baseline measurements – is this not a general limitation of the use of olfactory loss – since clear levels of baseline abilities would ideally be needed? Could the authors comment on this and or how this could be achieved or overcome? Thirdly, and related to the two prior comments, can the authors provide any quantitative data – what are the normal values for olfactory abilities in quantitative terms, and hence the values associated with a loss of olfactory ability. Finally, can the authors provide numerical data that provides an insight into the proportion of dementia individuals that experience olfactory dysfunction, and thus whether this varies with neurodegenerative disease?

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This is a nice review on the olfactory system in neurodegenerative disease. I believe that a table comparing findings in different diseases or an explicatory figure may be of interest for the reader.